



# Press Release

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## **Press Release November 25, 2013**

Lt. Todd Menmuir, Deputy Jeff Dybzinski, and Deputy Kevin Raico demonstrated excellent investigative skills in the early hours of Sunday morning when they identified a number of persons responsible for break-ins in a number of businesses over the past few months in our area.

On Sunday, November 24, 2013, at 0123 hrs, the Lake County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to an alarm activation at the Lake County Fairgrounds, in the *Flea Market* building, located at 1301 Mentor Ave. Painesville Township.

Deputies Raico and Dybzinski responded and located a vehicle, occupied by four males, parked about one hundred yards away from the Flea Market building. The four males initially claimed they were waiting to help a friend with caring to a horse.

The Flea Market building was checked and appeared to be secure. The males were questioned further as to why they were at this location. Inconsistent answers were provided from the four males. Two of the four males who originally claimed to be adults were identified as juveniles. The owner/operator of the suspicious vehicle was found to be in possession of marijuana. Subsequently the Deputies searched the vehicle and located a crow bar that appeared to have recently been used for prying on a white colored object.

Lt. MenMuir was notified of the findings and responded to assist. The flea market building happened to be white in color therefore deputies again checked the building. Deputies discovered that a wooden panel had been pried off the building and then repositioned to appear as if it was still permanently attached. Additional pry marks were also discovered around a man door. The four males were questioned about the pry marks and wood panel having been removed from the building. The males then confessed to attempting to break into the flea market for the purpose of stealing property from inside.

Deputy Dybzinski had taken notice of World War II era collector items inside the vehicle during the vehicle search. Deputy Dybzinski recalled similar items being stolen from a commercial building located in Perry Township. The owner of the commercial building had reported multiple break-ins that have occurred there.

During the questioning the perpetrators had also reported World War II era artifacts and replicas as being stolen. The four males were questioned about the multiple breaking and entering complaints at the commercial building in Perry Township. The four males then confessed to committing those crimes. Deputies were then directed to the stolen World War II artifacts and replicas and recovered a significant amount of stolen items.

The two adult males will be charged with Attempted Breaking and Entering, Criminal Trespassing, Possession of Criminal Tools, Possession of Marijuana, and Contributing to the Delinquency of Minors. The two juveniles will be charged with Attempted Breaking and Entering, Criminal Trespassing and Curfew Violation.



The investigation is ongoing at this time. Additional criminal charges are pending against these two adult males and two juvenile males based on further progress from the current investigation. The names of the perpetrators are being held pending the outcome of the investigation.



It should be noted that significant progress was also made last week by the Sheriff's Office regarding a number of burglaries in Painesville Township in the Coventry area. A suspect was identified by investigators, and subsequent searches at a number of locations identified property reported stolen during a number of recent burglaries. Those burglaries are still under investigation at this time, and additional charges are pending based on the outcome of that investigation.

As always, if you are aware of any information regarding crimes in this area we are very interested in speaking to you. Please call us at (440)350-5500 and you will be connected with a Deputy Sheriff to speak with. Or, you can contact us via email at [sheriffwebmaster@lakecountyohio.org](mailto:sheriffwebmaster@lakecountyohio.org).

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